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1. ☒ The amendment filed on <u>12 June 2003</u> under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

   a) ☐ entered.

   b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

   c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
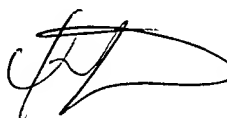
       Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

   d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

   e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

*Amendment to claim 1, amendment from "set" to "subset" changes the scope of the claim. Therefore, further searching and consideration are required. Thus, the amendment of claim 1 is not entered.*
*Amendment to claims 23 and 33 are entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.*

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